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Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) A method for a data center to process usage data of a value dispensing device comprising:

receiving a first audit record from the value dispensing device, the first audit record generated by the value dispensing device at a start of an audit period, the first audit record including a value of at least one register maintained by the value dispensing device at the start of the audit period and a first digital signature;

receiving a second audit record from the value dispensing device, the second audit record generated by the value dispensing device at an end of the audit period, the second audit record including a value of the at least one register maintained by the value dispensing device at the end of the audit period and a second digital signature;

receiving usage data from the value dispensing device for the audit period;

verifying the first and second digital signatures;

if the first and second digital signatures verify, determining a difference between the value of the at least one register at the end of the audit period and the start of the audit period;

comparing the determined difference with corresponding data provided in the usage data; and

if the determined difference correlates with the corresponding data provided in the usage data, generating a usage report for the value dispensing system based on the usage data.